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1. AT WEO MTG DEC 10 AUSTRALIAN DEL, ON BEHA*F OF SMALL
WORKING PARTY, PRESENTED ALTERNATE DRAFT RES RE GUYANIAN "WORKING
PAPER" TRANSMITTED DEPT PER REFTEL. TEXT OF ALTERNATE, WHICH WILL
BE DISCUSSED WITH GUYANIAN DEL (STOBY), IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING ITS RES 3043 (XVII) ON THE FORM OF PRESENTATION
OF THE UN BUDGET AND DURATION OF THE BUDGET CYCLE,
HAVING CONSIDERED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSED PROGRAMME
BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1974/1975 AND MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE
PERIOD 1974/1977,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE CPC IN ITS
REPORT ON ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION (E/5364),

TAKING NOTE OF RES 1801 (LV) OF THE ECOSOC, AND THE COMMENTS
AND PROPOSALS IN CHAPTER XXVA OF THE REPORT OF THE 55TH
SESSION OF ECOSOC,

TAKING NOTE ALSO OF THE VIEWS OF THE ACABQ AS CONTAINED IN ITS
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FIRST REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM

1974/1975 (A/9008, SUPPLEMENT NO. 8, PARAS 9-22), IN PARTICULAR THAT THE EXISTING MACHINERY OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT ORGANS CONCERNED WITH FORMULATING, REVIEWING AND APPROVING PROGRAMMES AND BUDGETS SHOULD BE RE-APPRAISED,

CONSIDERING THAT THE BUDGET FORMAT INITIATED FOR 1974/1975 WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO PERMIT THE ANALYTICAL AND INTEGRAL APPRAISAL OF THE COST, CONTENT, SIGNIFICANCE AND PRIORITY OF EACH PROGRAMME,

RECALLING ITS RES 2748 (XXV) ON HARMONIZATION AND GROWTH OF PROGRAMMES AND BUDGETS IN THE UNITED SYSTEM,

NOTING THE RATE OF GROWTH IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SINCE THE ADOPTION OF RES 2748 (XXV),

1. REAFFIRMS ITS APPROVAL ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS OF THE NEW FORM OF PRESENTATION OF THE UN BUDGET AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A BIENNIAL BUDGET CYCLE,

2. REQUESTS THE SEC-GEN TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMME OF WORK CONTAINED IN THE 1974/1975 PROGRAMME BUDGET AND TO REPORT TO THE GA AT ITS 29TH SESSION ON ANY IMPEDEMENTS HE MAY FORESEE IN COMPLETING THE PROGRAMMED WORK DURING THE BIENNium WITHIN THE APPROVED LEVEL OF RESOURCES,

3. REQUESTS THE SEC-GEN TO INFORM THE ECOSOC THROUGH THE CPC OF ANY CHANGES IN THE OBJECTIVES OF PROGRAMMES AND PROGRAMME COMPONENTS WITHIN THE APPROVED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1974/1975 IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS,

4. REQUESTS THE SEC-GEN IN PREPARING THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1976/1979 AND PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGETS FOR THAT PERIOD TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMMES, TO RE-ASSESS PRIORITIES AND WHERE NECESSARY TO RE-DEPLOY RESOURCES, WHILE ENSURING THAT THERE IS A MEANINGFUL ELEMENT OF REAL GROWTH IN THE MOST ESSENTIAL PROGRAMMES,

5. REQUESTS THE ECOSOC THROUGH THE CPC TO INDICATE CLEARLY THE ORDER OF PRIORITIES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS TO BE REFLECTED BY THE SEC-GEN IN HIS MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR 1976/1979 AND PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1976/1977,

6. REQUESTS THE SEC-GEN TO PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS IN THE FUTURE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN, WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE BIENNIAL PROGRAMME BUDGET, AND TO ENSURE THAT BOTH THE PLAN AND THE BUDGET ARE PRESENTED BY PROGRAMME AND NOT BY ORGANISATIONAL UNIT SO AS TO GIVE A CLEAR, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDIVIDED AND INTEGRAL PICTURE OF EACH PROGRAMME,

7. REQUESTS THE SEC-GEN IN PREPARING THE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR 1976/1977 TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMPETENT ORGANS ON WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE FORM, CONTENT AND STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME BUDGET AND IN PARTICULAR TO (A) ENSURE PROGRAMME CO ORDINATION AMONG MAJOR ORGANISATIONAL UNITS; (B) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ALLOCATION OF INDIRECT COSTS TO PROGRAMMES

TO WHICH THEY RELATE; (C) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES BY SOURCE OF FUNDS; AND, (D) GIVE RELATIVE WEIGHT IN TERMS OF PERCENTAGES OF EACH PROGRAMME AND PROGRAMME COMPONENT IN RELATION TO THE OTHER,

8. DECIDES TO PLACE ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION OF THE GA AN ITEM ENTITLED "REVIEW OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT MACHINERY DEALING WITH PROGRAMMING, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS".
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